IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Continuation Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b):

Prior Application:

K. SAKAMOTO et al Serial No. 09/548,597

Filed: April 13, 2000

Group Art Unit:

2122 K. Chaki

Examiner: For:

PROGRAM GENERATION METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application as follows

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as set forth below.

Page 4, line 28, change "Fig. 17 shows" to --Figs. 17A and 17B show--.

Page 5, line 6, change "Fig. 20 shows" to --Figs. 20A and 20B show--.

Page 20, line 17, change "Fig. 17" to --Figs. 17A and 17B--.

Page 24, line 25, change "Fig. 20 shows" to --Figs. 20A and 20B show--.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended as in the parent application. No new matter has been added.

Examination is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DRAWING CORRECTIONS

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants request approval of the proposed drawing corrections shown in red ink on the attached copies of Figs. 17 and 20.

Respectfully submitted,

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FIG. 17A

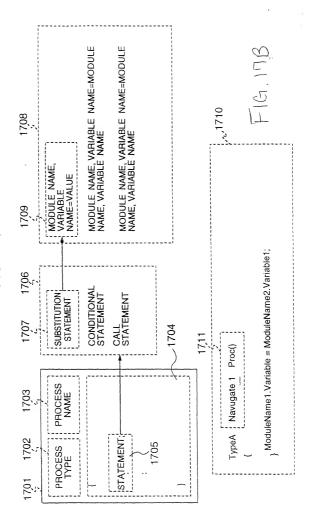


FIG. 20 A

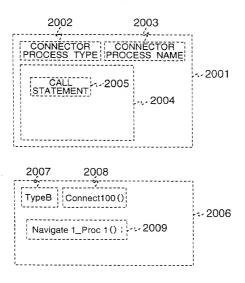


FIG. 20B

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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit herewith three (3) sheets of corrected formal drawings (Figs. 1, 17A, 17B, 20A, and 20B). Please substitute the enclosed corrected sheets for the originally-filed Figs. 1, 17A, 17B, 20A, and 20B drawings. None of the other sheets of drawings requires correction.

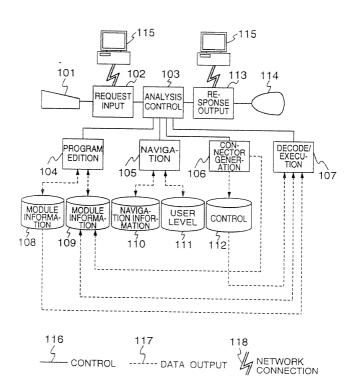
Please charge any additional fees resulting from this action to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

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FIG. 1



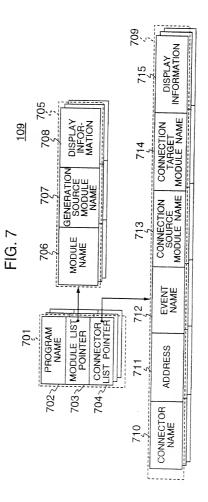


FIG. 20

